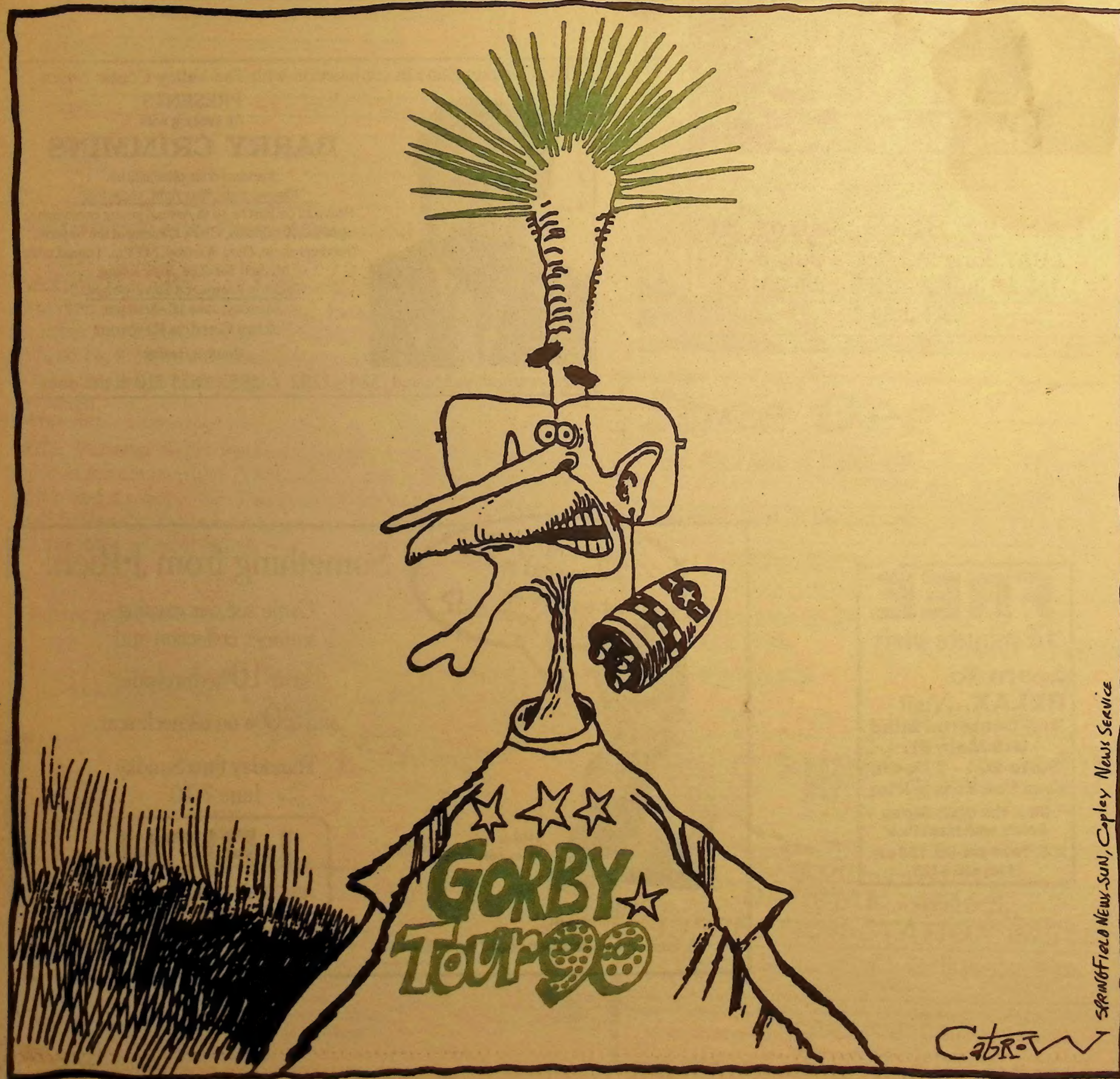


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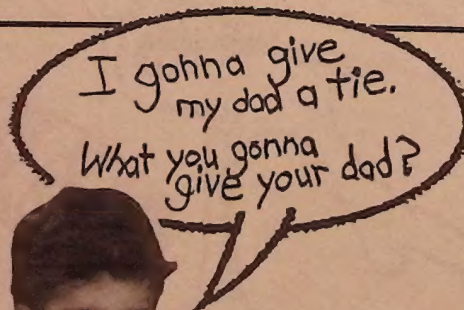
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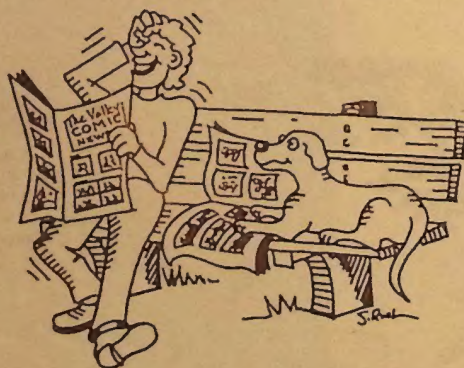
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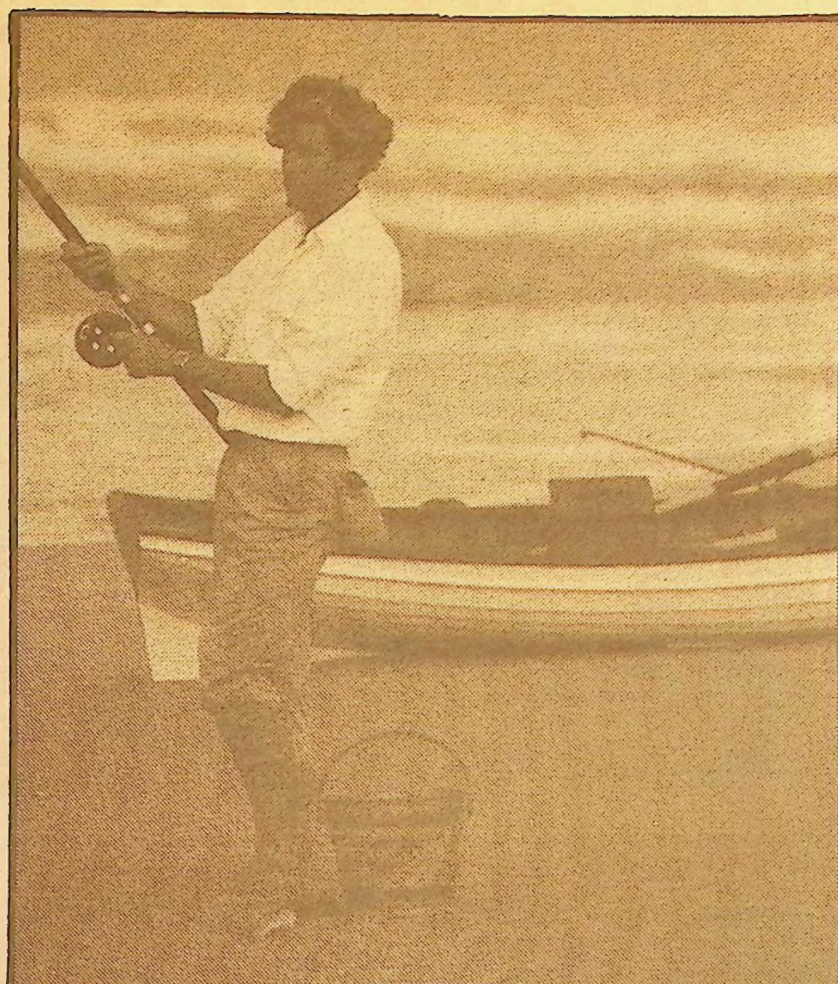
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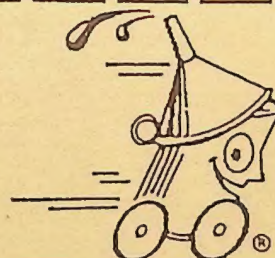
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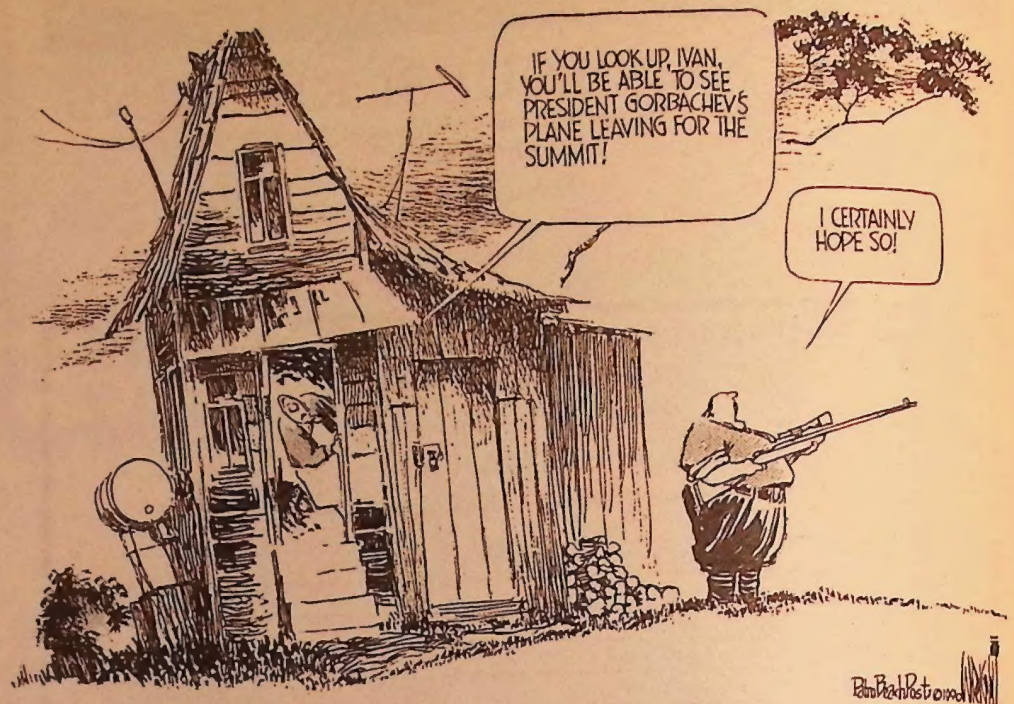
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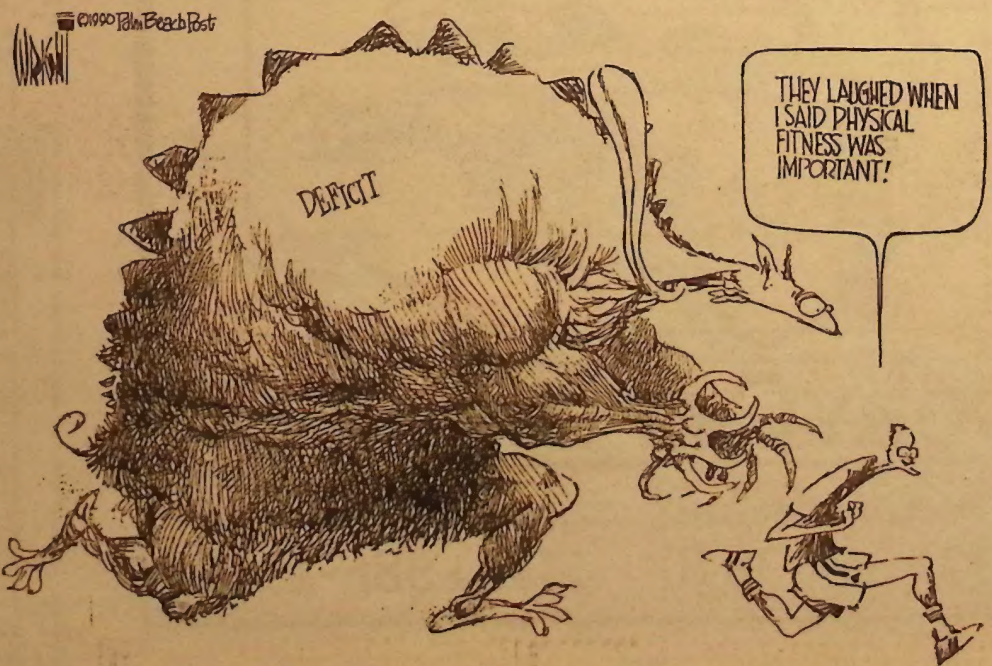
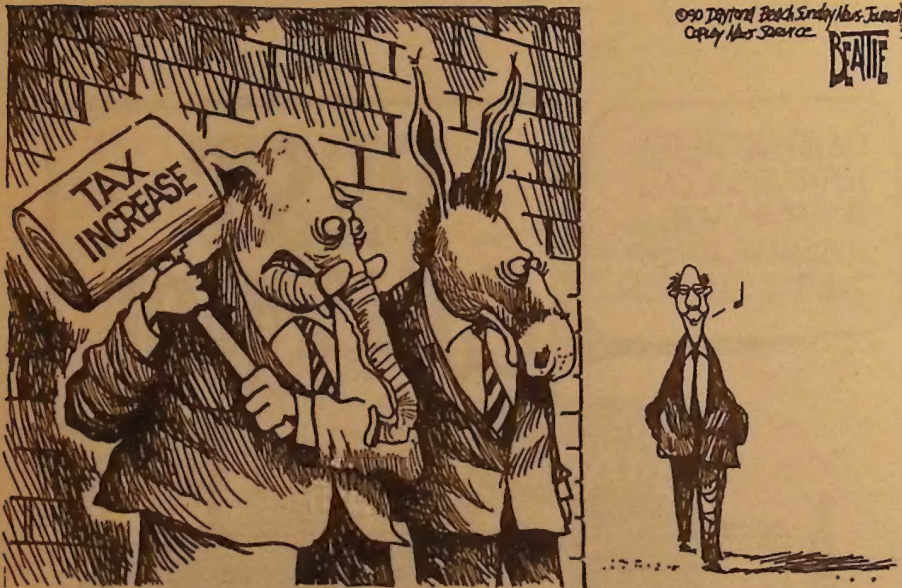
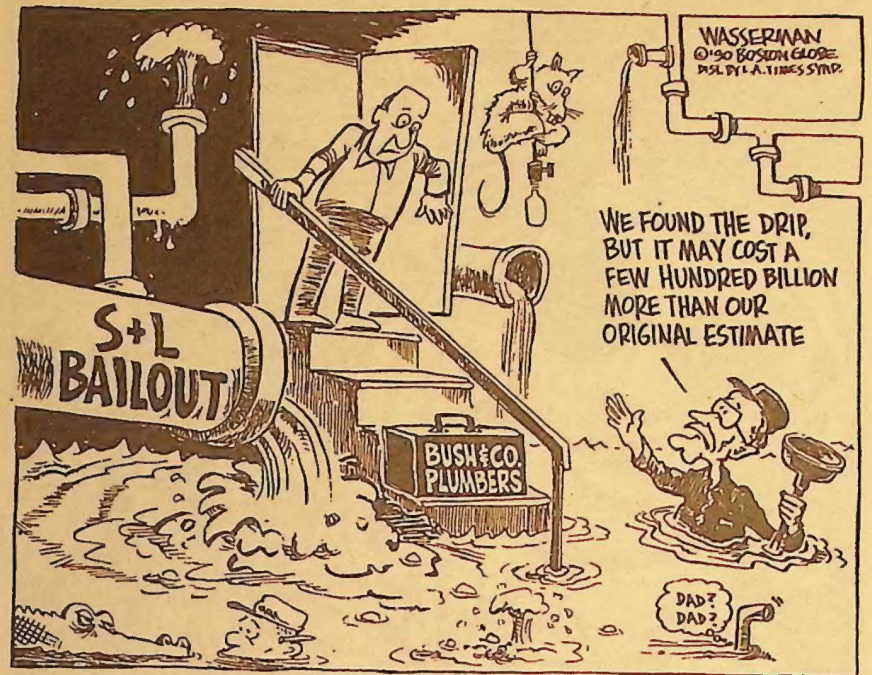


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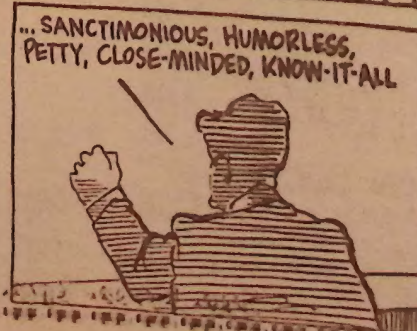
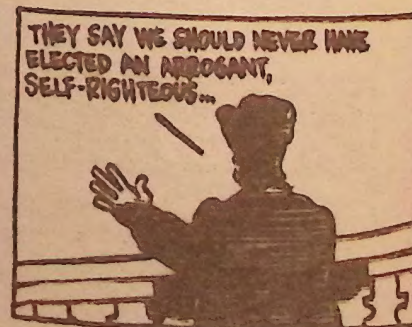
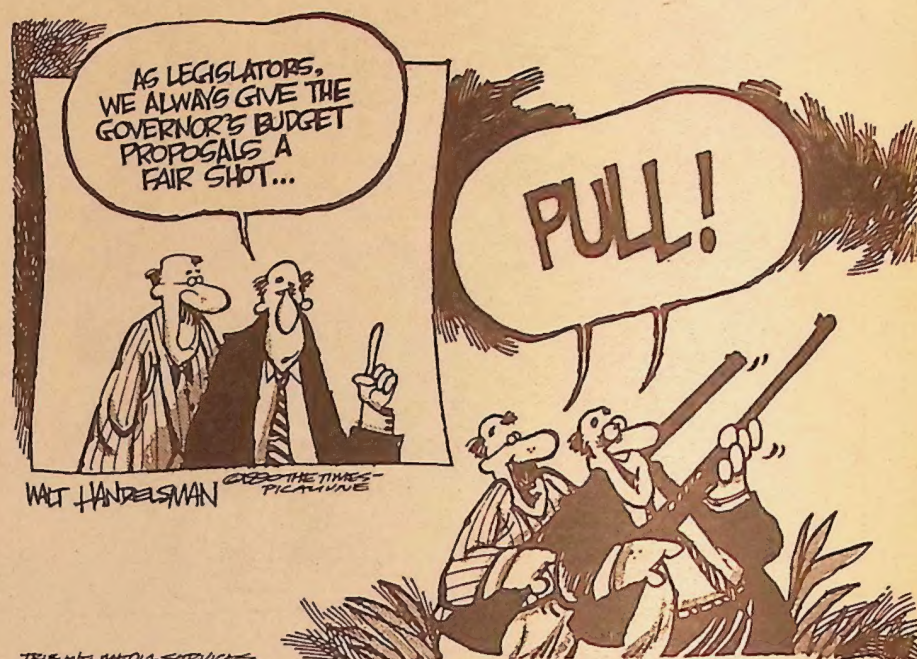


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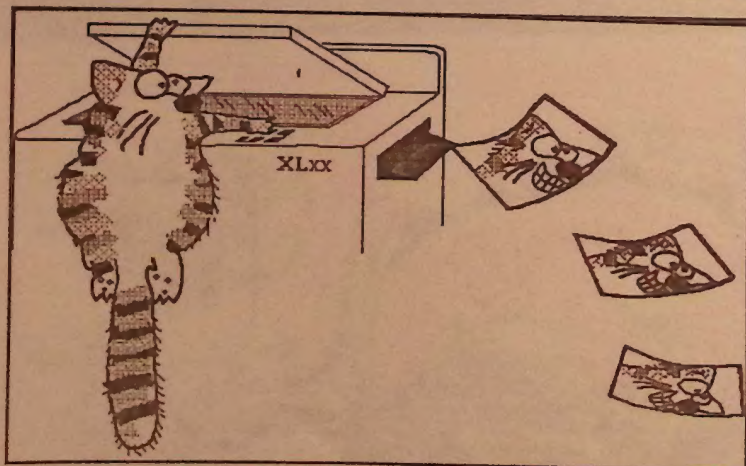
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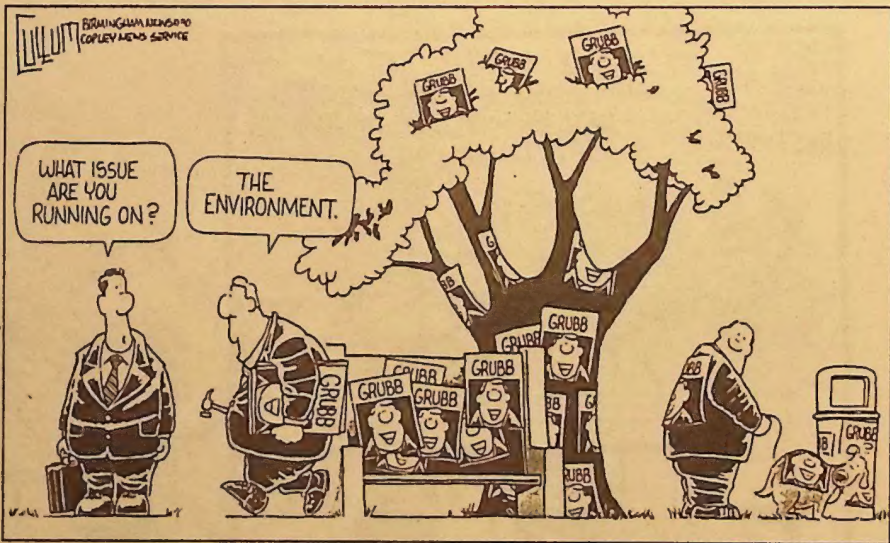
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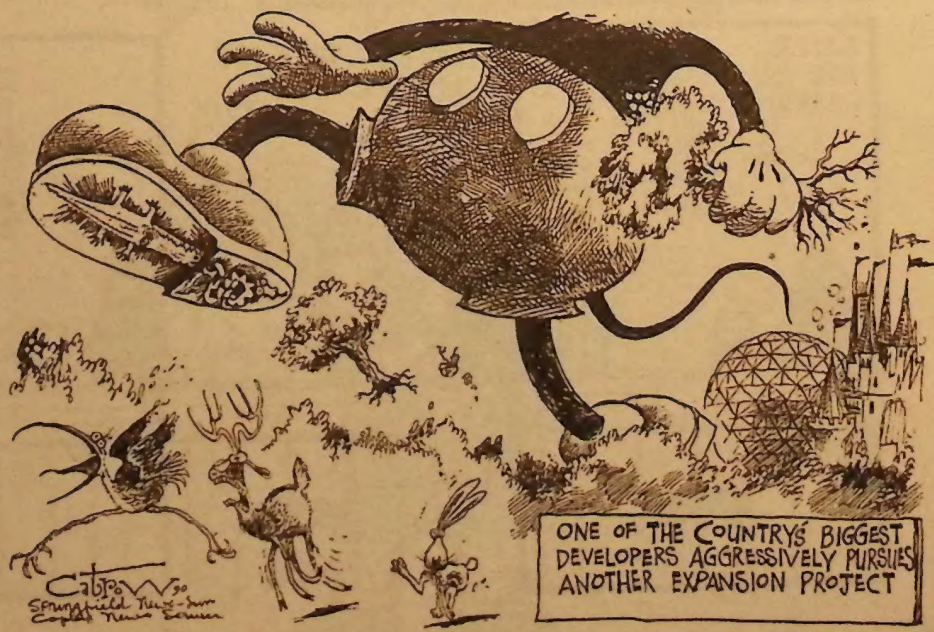
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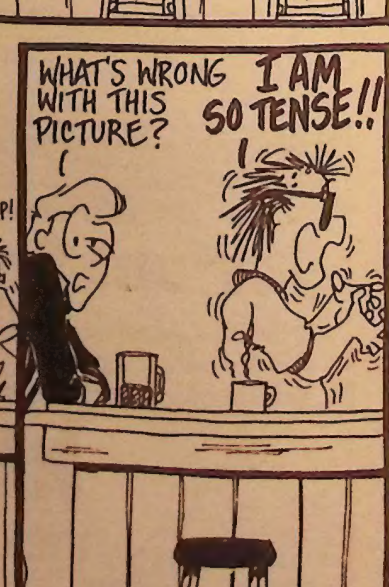
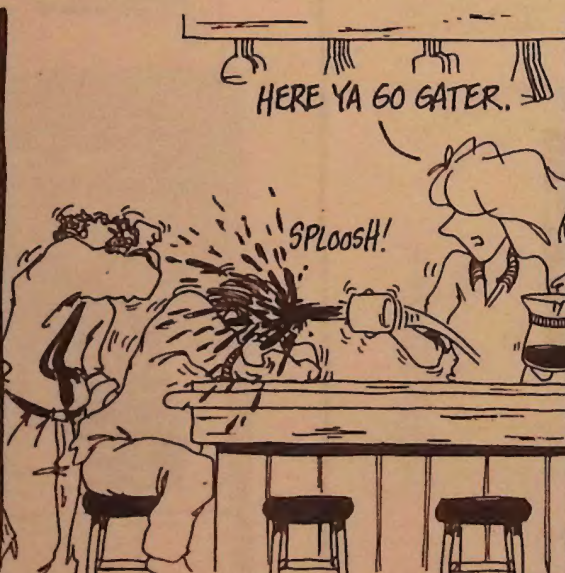
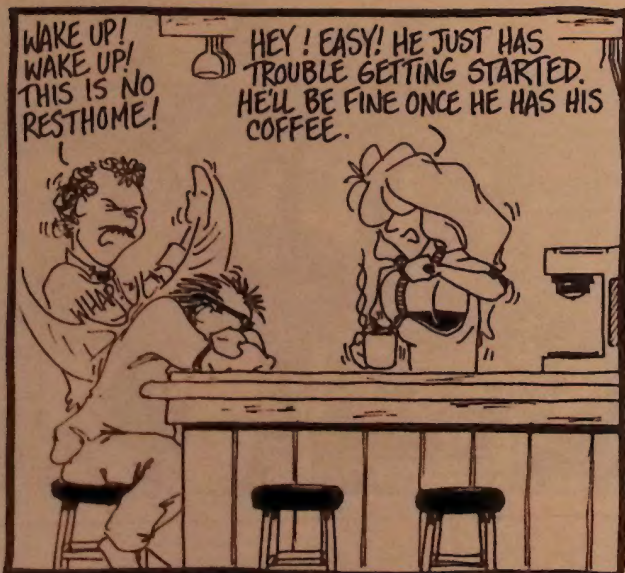


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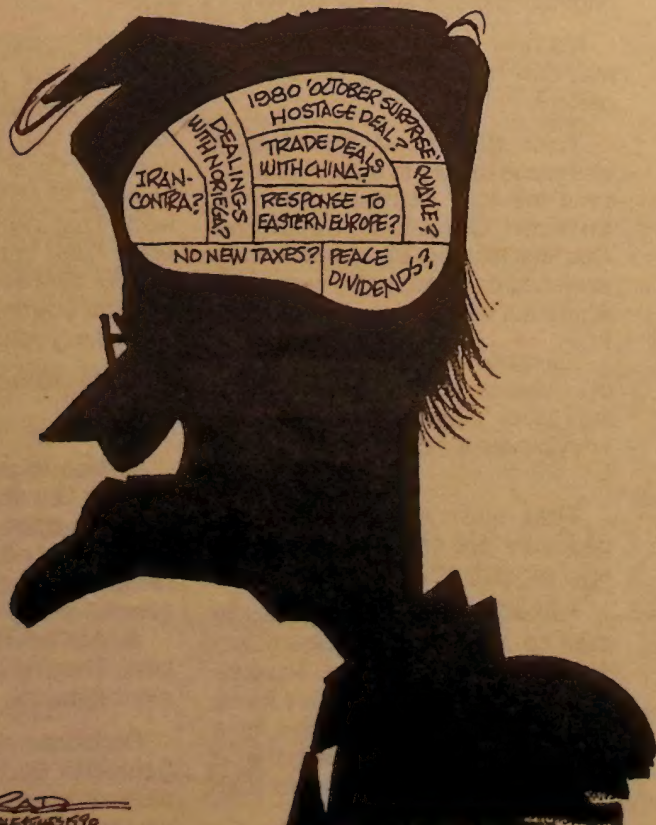
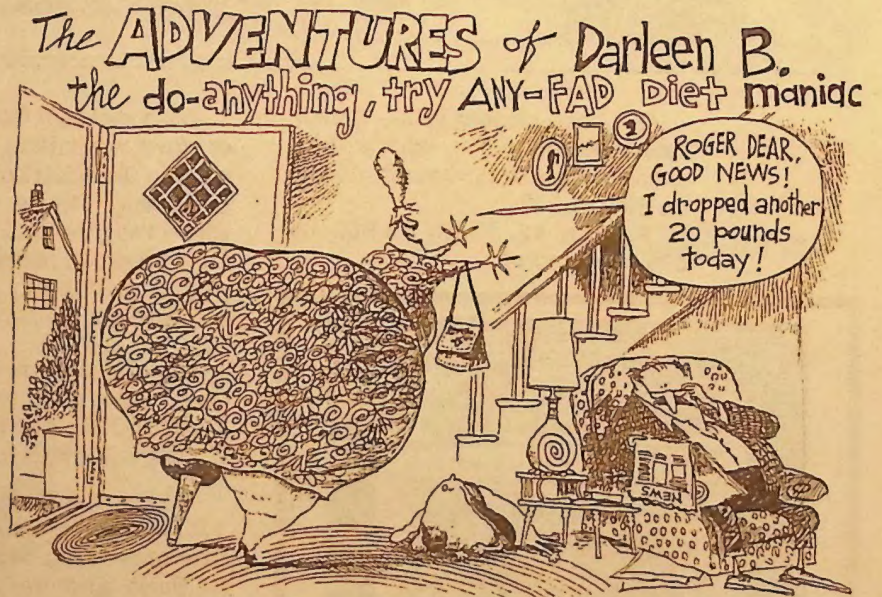
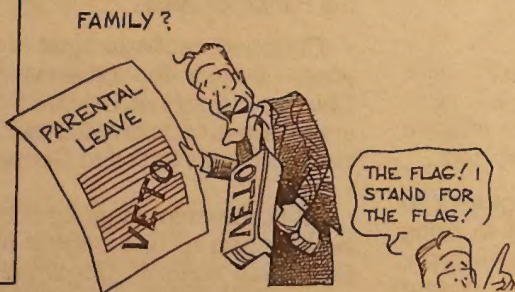
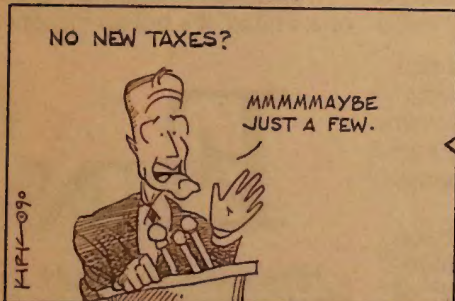
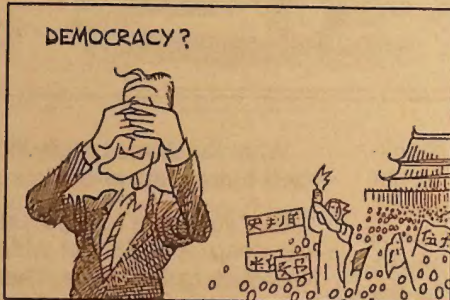
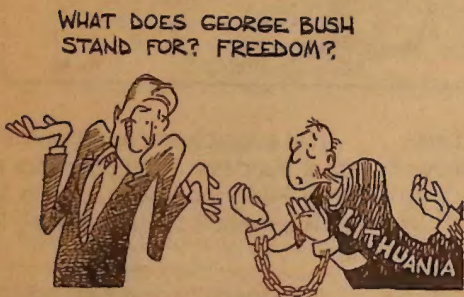
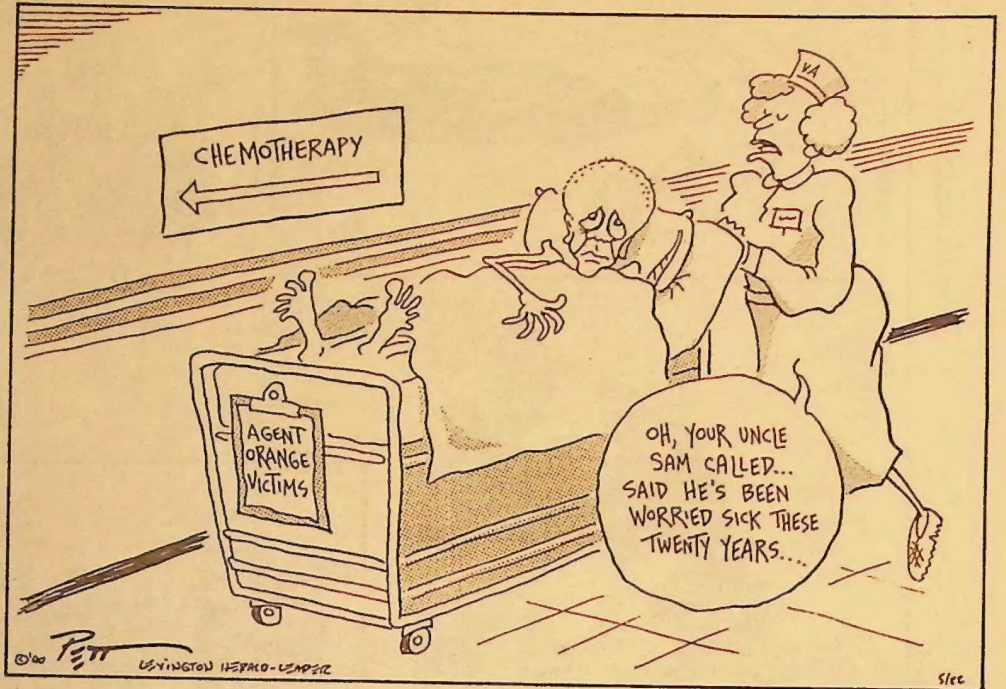
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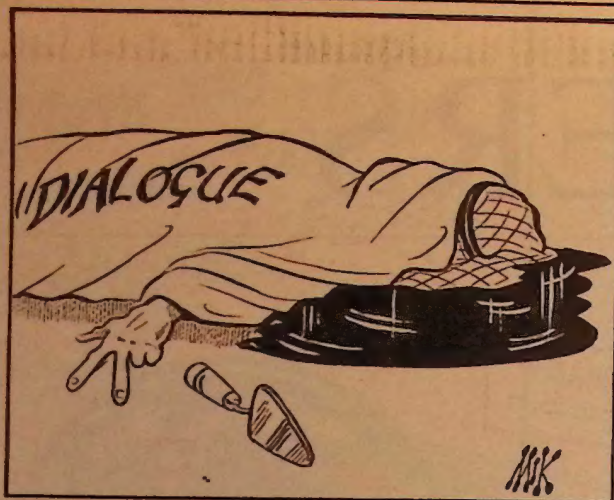
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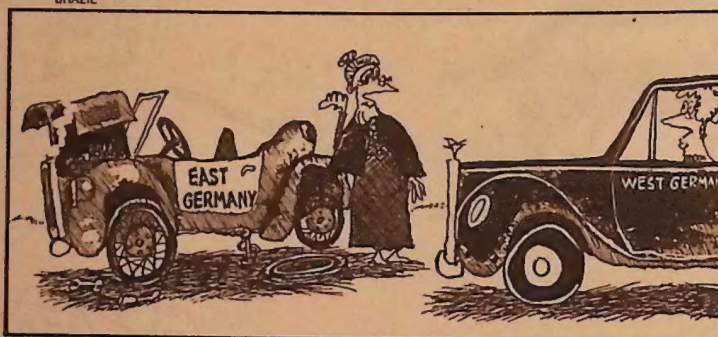


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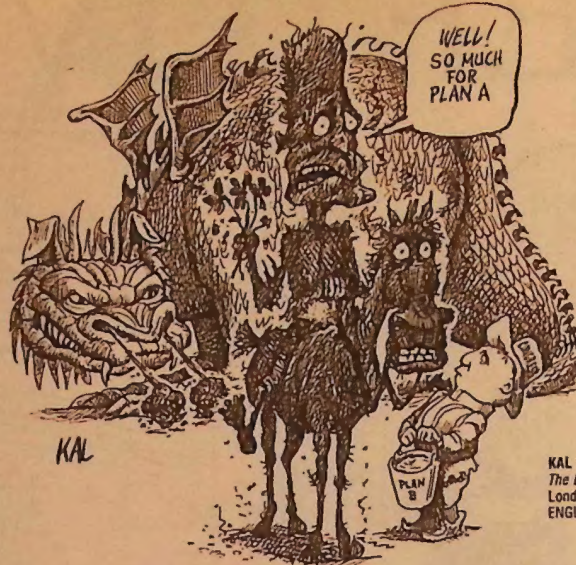


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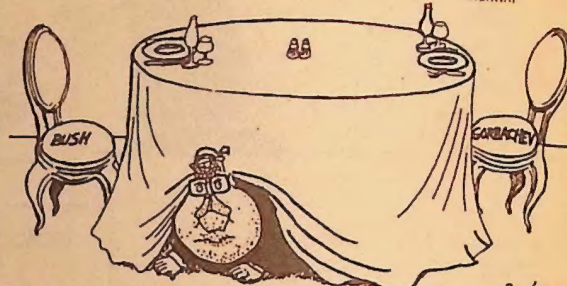
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Q. Those players in the Senior Baseball League — what's their average age and how much money do they make?

A. Age 42. From \$2,500 to \$15,000 a month.

What makes a football linebacker great, according to the savvier experts, is neither speed nor power, but timing. Maybe so. Was once said of the great Dick Butkus that he knew where to put his shoulder the way a ping pong player knows where to put the paddle.

It cost more to build the Panama Canal than to buy Alaska, New Mexico, California, Florida and the Louisiana Territories, combined.

You've read dinner guests in 17th-century France had to bring their own knives. That was lowbrow. In Paris and Versailles, dinner guests had to bring their own waiters. That was highbrow.

The 1620 Pilgrims didn't name Cape Cod. English navigator Bartholemew Gosnold did. Eighteen years before the Pilgrims showed up. Did I tell you the Pilgrims fattened their hogs on clams?

The Incas freeze-dried potatoes, you've read that. What's remarkable is how expert they became. Such potatoes found in Inca tombs have proved to be edible.

Some people look for truth, some for money, some for fame. But that specialist on such weighty matters, Dr. Theodore I. Rubin, says what's most intensively sought worldwide by the most people, as you might expect, is "happiness." He didn't say where to find it.

Q. Who was the youngest general in the history of the U.S. Army?

A. George Custer, a brigadier at age 23.

What the Aztecs really liked was roast turkey with chocolate gravy.

Say you were to dig a trench 10 feet deep. And 55 feet wide. From New York to California. That would be equivalent to the excavation of the Panama Canal.

Chopped cabbage aged in rice wine — that was the first sauerkraut. Chinese builders of The Great Wall ate it. Tartars took it to Russia. Then sea merchants took it to Germany.

All our western languages trace back in part to one original Indo-European tongue. So which of today's languages is most like the original? Experts say, Lithuanian.

It's now believed cobra venom may cure herpes. Which would you prefer?

Your granddad could buy marijuana legally in a lot of places. Until the 1937 Marijuana Tax Act, anyhow. Countless Seasoned Citizens learned all about it long ago. And have had half a century to figure out what it was worth.

"Gumbo" was the French dialect of Louisiana slaves. "Gumbo" was their okra. "Gumbo" was their stew. They picked it, cooked it, and talked it.

That sport wherein two individuals are most likely to bet against each other is golf.

Favorite actress among people over 50 is Katharine Hepburn, according to the pollsters. Favorite actor is James Stewart. Were those two to team up in support of a cause, it has been claimed, they'd pack more promotional clout than any other celebrities.

Not even champagne was an instant success. Took 56 years after Dom Perignon invented it in 1714 for the French to decide they liked it.

If it doesn't have two antennae on its head, it's not an insect.

## FUN

Here's one you might like to check out personally: It takes 113 pounds of \$20 bills to make \$1 Million.

What you do first when you meet somebody is prove you're harmless. By shaking hands. Long ago, to show you weren't carrying a weapon. Or in some societies, by bowing. To expose an unprotected neck. That's what handshakes and bows have in common. Been that way for centuries. If you want to be a friend, you first have to show trust by making yourself vulnerable.

Coral makes its own suntan lotion.

Q. Near-sighted people have a higher I.Q., according to the experts. So does that corrective surgical procedure called radial keratotomy to correct near-sightedness lower their I.Q.?

A. Am advised that comes too late. They're doomed to remain overbright.

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"French Toast" was invented to use up stale bread.

According to the historical footnotes, Abraham Lincoln on his wedding day was "as pale and trembling as being driven to a slaughter."

The married woman typically does 30-percent more housework than the single woman, researchers say.

Only two out of five high school seniors in this country have taken either physics or chemistry.

Curiously, nobody knows exactly why the last Ice Age ended. But what with the Greenhouse Effect, a lot of experts now are working on that one.

In art, not every copy is a fake. El Greco for profit's sake redid at least 20 versions of some of his own paintings. Experts say numerous masterpieces have been replicated for sale by the original artists.

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Q. What was the first ship wrecked in American waters?

A. Columbus's Santa Maria.

Q. Why is the first run of a morning newspaper, printed the night before, called the "bulldog edition"?

A. One version holds that New York City papers in the 1890s proudly proclaimed they "fought like bulldogs" to meet nightly deadlines for early morning editions.

A Korean husband, according to one of same, never tells his wife he loves her unless the marriage is in trouble.



## Fearsome Floods

The worst flooding for more than 30 years in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas worsened, and experts predicted that waters won't begin to recede for at least ten days. The normally placid lower Trinity River turned into a torrent with a greater volume of water than Niagara Falls. Residents were warned to beware of fire ants and snakes floating on debris. A 14-foot alligator, searching for higher ground, stopped traffic on a Louisiana highway until it was captured.

In the Bashkiriya region of the Soviet Union's southern Ural Mountains, floods have killed at least 14 people, wrecked hundreds of homes and farms, and forced 20,000 people to evacuate.

China's Yangtze River reached record levels that officials fear could trigger the worst floods in three decades.

## Tornado Season

One person was killed and more than 200 homes were destroyed or severely damaged when a Great Plains twister ripped through Stillwater, Oklahoma. The tornado was only one of scores that were spawned by several days of severe thunderstorms in the midwestern United States.

## Volcanoes

Strong tremors were felt near Colombia's Nevado del Ruiz Volcano, which killed 23,000 people in 1985. Authorities issued an "amber alert" for villagers near the mountain. Civil aviation authorities required aircraft flying within 40 miles of the volcano to remain above 35,000 feet.

On the tenth anniversary of the explosive eruption of Mount St. Helens Volcano, a seismologist from the University of Washington announced there is a 50-50 chance the mountain will explode its dome again within the next 30 years.



## Tropical Storms

Alma, the first hurricane of the season in the eastern Pacific, formed and dissipated rapidly in the ocean off Mexico. Typhoon Marian developed 500 miles east of Vietnam, then lost force as it moved over colder waters between the Philippines and Taiwan. Cyclone Ikonjo brought gales to Seychelles as it churned the Indian Ocean northeast of Madagascar.

## Earthquakes

The strongest temblor to strike New Zealand in 22 years toppled a two-story building and cracked the concrete beams of a shopping mall in the small town of Dannevirke. A moderate quake shook a 450-mile stretch of central and southern Chile, causing minor damage to old adobe homes in Talca. Earth movements were also felt in the Soviet Far East's Sakhalin Island, central Japan, southern Mexico and Greece.

## Space Defense

Engineers from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics suggested that Earth should arm itself against mountain-sized asteroids that might smash into the planet at 46,000 miles per hour. Johan Benson, the institute's administrator for public policy, said, "It has been speculated that a nuclear weapon could be used" to destroy or deflect an asteroid if it was discovered a year or so before impact. U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle, addressing the AIAA's annual meeting, said he believes "it would certainly benefit all nations to know when such a natural event might occur, and warn those who could be affected."

## Vulture Victory

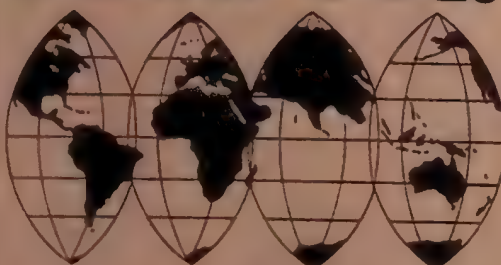
Low-level helicopter training flights over the Golan Heights were halted to avoid disturbing nesting vultures and other birds of prey. The Israeli Air

Force took the action following an appeal by the Nature Protection Society, which said that the howling choppers scared the birds from their nests.

## Pigeon Poachers

A training session for Asian Games pigeons turned into target practice for Chinese hunters when several hundred birds were shot out of the sky. The official China Daily reported that 200 carrier pigeons were found dead in one Beijing suburb. Many were eaten or sold on local markets, while others were found barely alive. The Beijing Homer Association, which owned the pigeons, said hunters were waiting for its birds as they passed overhead during a trial flight from Beijing to Shijiazhuang, 185 miles to the southwest. The pigeons were being trained for the Sept. 22 opening of the Asian Games in Beijing when more than 60,000 birds are to be released above Workers' Stadium.

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
### An Iron Solution

 Scientists attempting to battle the greenhouse effect have proposed dumping hundreds of thousands of tons of iron into the world's oceans. During a recent conference of the U.S. National Research Council, one participant suggested that dumping 300,000 tons of high-grade iron pellets or powder each year for half a century could create giant blooms of marine algae. John Martin proposed the algae would soak up much of the excess carbon dioxide believed to be responsible for global warming. The scheme was projected to cost between 50 and 150 million dollars with the first experiment to be conducted off Antarctica or Alaska.

### Starfish Kill

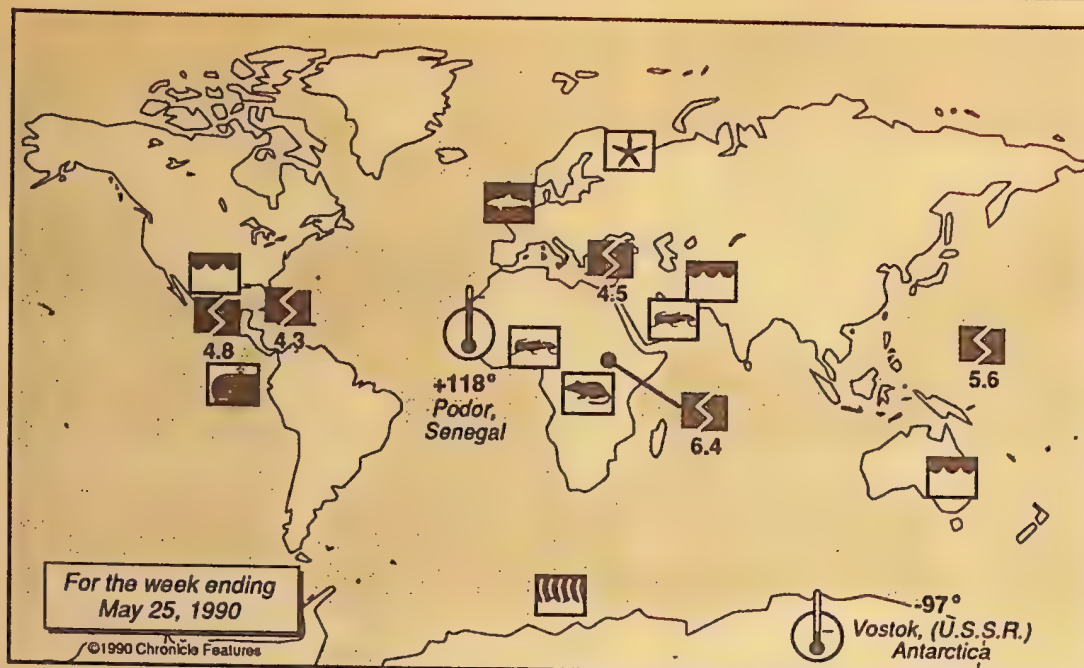
 A 20-mile stretch of the Soviet Union's Arctic White Sea was clogged with over four million dead starfish. Tass reported their remains were five to eight inches thick, and that the cause of the massive death is a mystery.

### Floods


 The Trinity River in eastern Texas rose to record levels as severe flooding continued from Oklahoma to Louisiana. Wave after wave of severe thunderstorms has spread over the region this spring, producing some of the worst inundation this century.

In northwestern Pakistan, torrential rains and high waters on the Kabul River killed at least ten Afghan refugees and inflicted heavy damage and hardship on several camps. Elders of the Afghan refugees called upon the guerilla organizations and relief committees in Peshawar to help with the disaster.


Outback towns in eastern Australia, deluged in April by the worst floods in 100 years, faced another onslaught of heavy rain. Downpours were reported in western parts of Queensland and New South Wales, moving eastward.



### Unhealthful Return


 Dolphins, returning to the cleaned-up Thames River for the first time in living memory, are now facing health problems other than pollution. British veterinarian John Taylor said that two dolphins died of pneumonia and skin damage caused by lengthy exposure to fresh water. Taylor said the dolphins may have made the 40-mile trip from the North Sea in pursuit of salmon, which have returned to the Thames after a 145-year absence. London residents, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, were delighted last week by the sight of porpoises swimming along the waterfront.

### Ocean Sanctuary


 The Ecuadorian government declared the 200-mile-wide stretch of the Pacific around the Galapagos Islands a sanctuary for whales. The Social Communications Secretariat

issued the decree because the area is home to, or on migration routes of, several species. Ecuador had earlier said that tuna fishermen could no longer catch dolphins in its waters.

### Earthquakes

 The most powerful earthquake ever to strike the southern Sudan in modern times was felt strongly in the region's largest city, Juba. The epicenter was beneath a swampy region which is believed to have absorbed most of the shock and prevented any injuries or damage. Earth movements were also felt in central Mexico, eastern Cuba, southern Turkey and on the island of Guam.


### Locusts

 Omani authorities battled a fresh wave of desert locusts from North Africa and the Horn of Africa. The insects have spread rapidly during the past month due to favorable weather

conditions, but crop damage has been light so far.

Agriculture officials in Cameroon launched a massive assault on a new infestation of locusts in the north of the country in an attempt to beat the onset of the rainy season.

### Rat Ranching

 A University of Wisconsin researcher is working with African scientists to see if a giant rat can be raised in captivity for food. The wild rat can grow to three to four pounds in weight and is a highly prized delicacy sold at public markets in Africa. Tom Yuill, associate dean of the School of Medicine at Wisconsin, said there was growing interest in micro-livestock, smaller animals that are easily maintained in captivity. The \$120,000 project is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

*Additional Sources:* World Meteorological Organization, Australian Bureau of Meteorology, U. S. Climate Analysis Center and the U. S. Earthquake Information Center.

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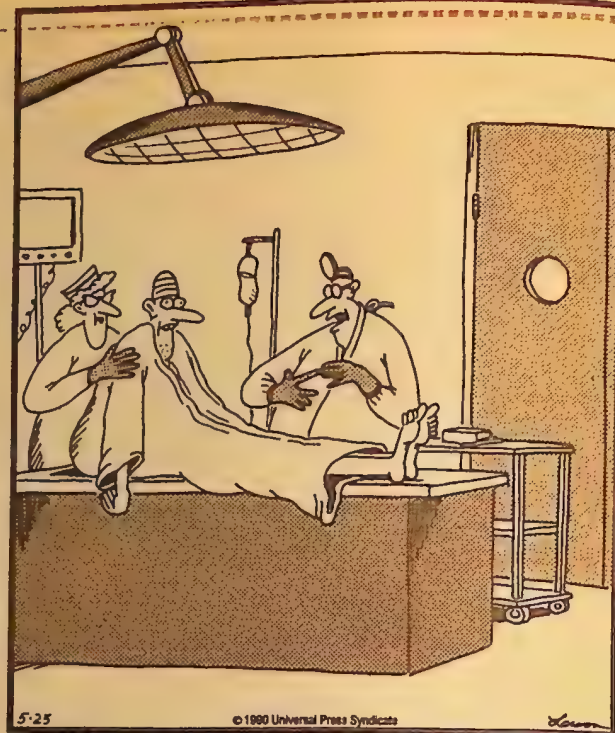




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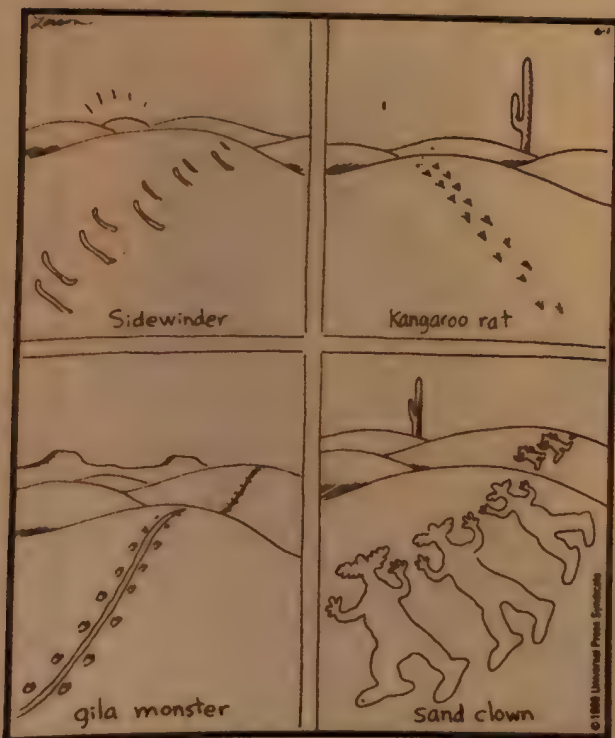
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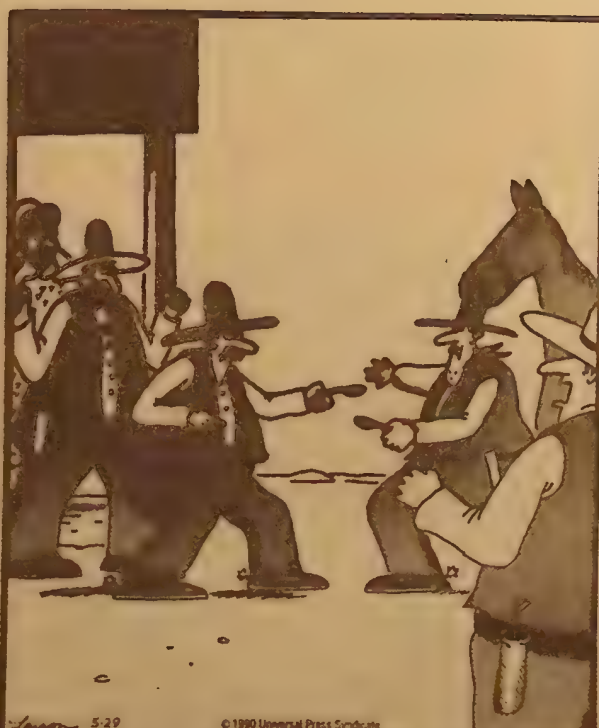
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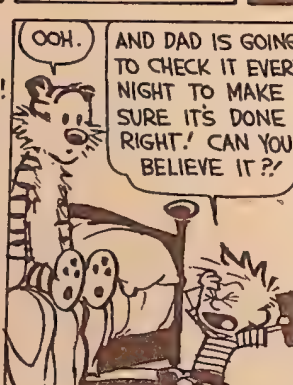
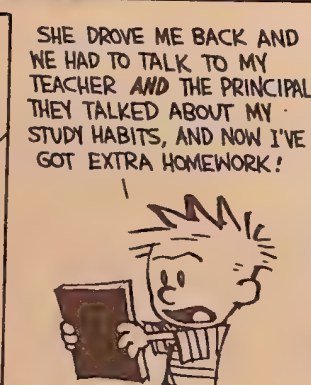
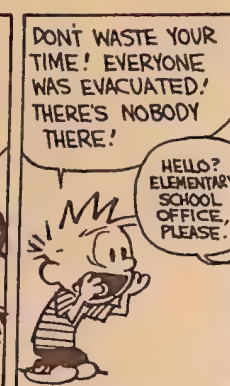
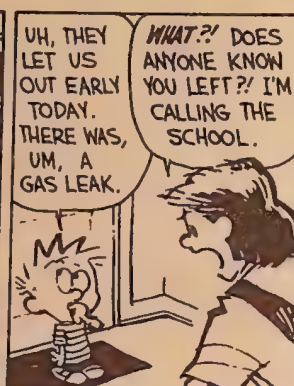
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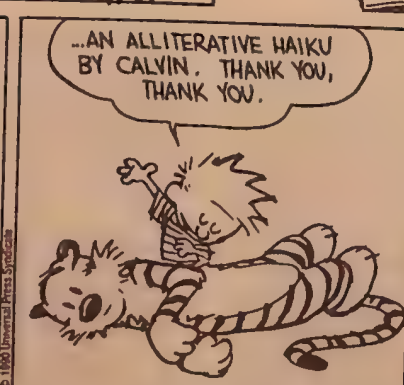


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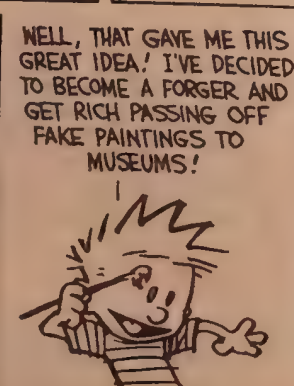


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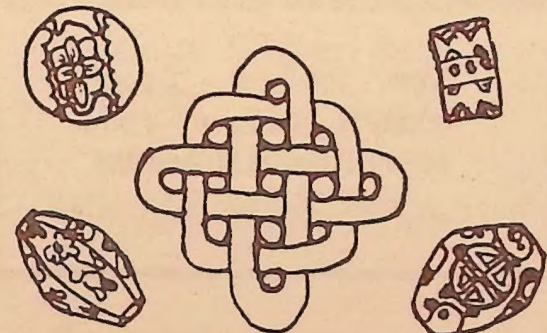




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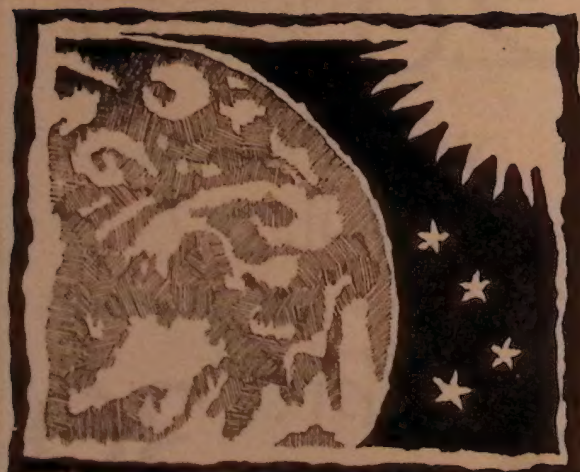
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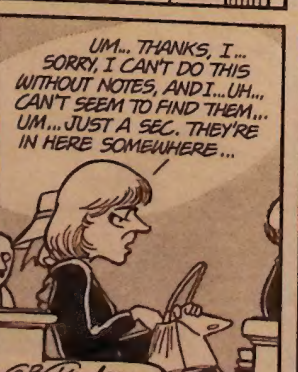
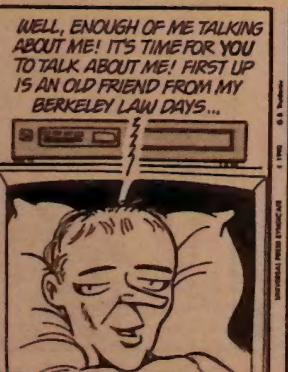
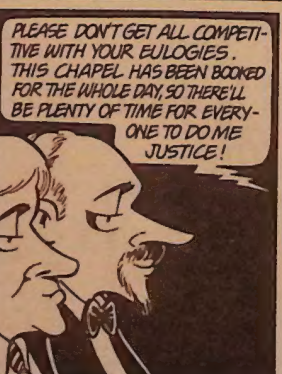
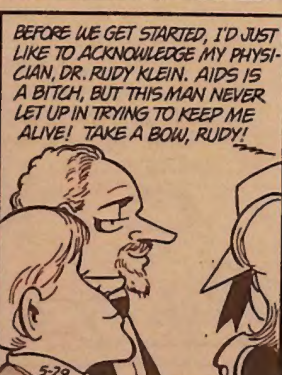
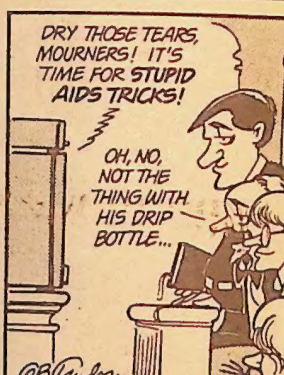
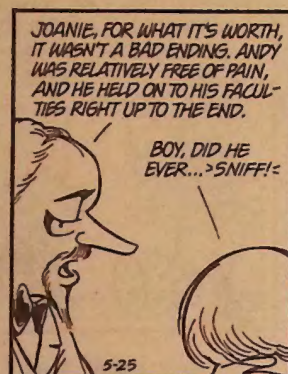
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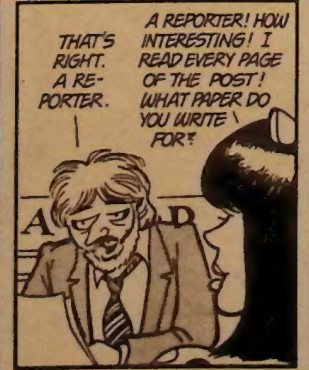
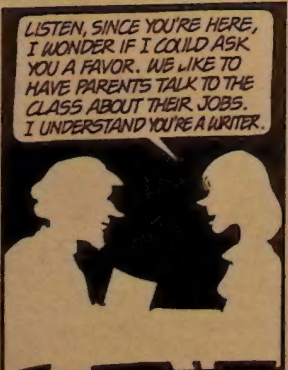
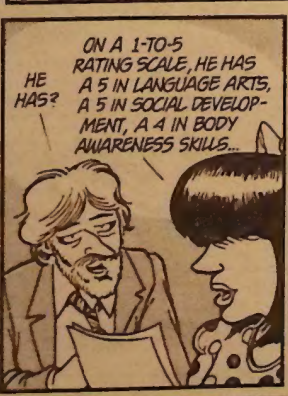
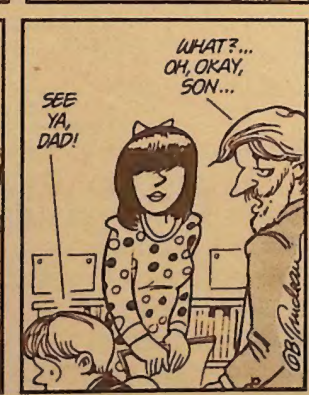
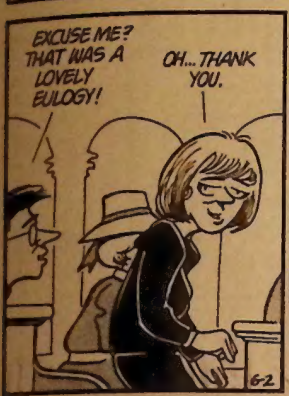
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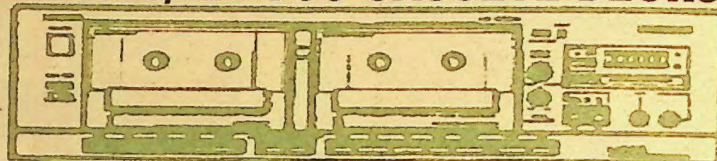
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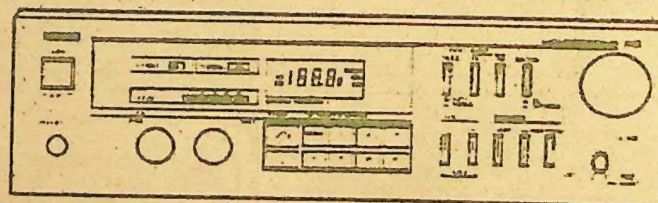
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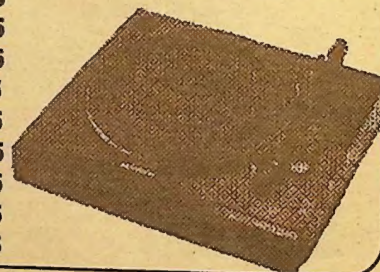


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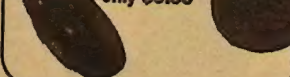
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